

Welcome visitors! We're glad you could worship with us today.

Our Nursery is open. Please have your child (3 years and younger) in the nursery by 9:25 am for worship.

The **pastoral search committee** asks for your continued prayers as our opening has been posted to organizations recommended by McGowan Search. Please pray that the man God is preparing for us senses the guidance of the Holy Spirit to respond to our need.

During this transition period, when the pastoral search committee is conducting its work, **Pastor Bill Massey** feels greatly privileged to be serving Colfax Center as its interim minister.

RYM 2020: We will be sending a group of our young people to Laguna Beach, FL, July 6-11 to participate in the Reformed Youth Ministries conference. We need your prayers as we work out the details. If you would like to help with individual expenses for those who want to go, it would be greatly appreciated. Indicate your donation is for RYM when contributing to the church offerings. If you have any questions, contact David Pruin 319/939-0502 or davidpruin@gmail.com. Thank you.

If anyone is opposed to **Colfax Center** using their **photograph on the website**, please contact a member of the pastoral search committee. Otherwise we will use random photos from Church activities to add to the website on occasion. If anyone has questions, please contact a PSC member. Thank you.

Saturday, February 22, the **Mobile Pantry** for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank is being hosted at the Grundy Center YMCA (102 G Ave). American Lutheran continues to sponsor this opportunity. Volunteers from area churches are welcome to assist in unloading the truck, distributing food items, and carrying items to vehicles with guests who receive. Volunteers are needed 8:00 – 10:30 am. Persons who wish to volunteer from our congregation are asked to contact Ruth Thoren by Thursday, February 20 so that we can let the folks at American know an approximate count of helpers.

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*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

The Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday of the Year
February 9, 2020

As you enter prepare yourself to worship. Please silence your phone.

For Reflection Before Worship

-- *Philippians 2:3*

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

-- Lewis Smedes

Self-seeking, in its best sense, is not merely tolerated as a petty vice; it is urged on us as our highest duty. Aristotle called it self-realization; he said that persons are most moral when they seek to realize their selves. In our time, Erich Fromm has told us that our highest calling is precisely to “take loving care of ourselves.” Self-seeking is our duty. If he is right, most of us are doing very well morally. The one thing we want to do is take care of ourselves and become our true selves. Yet we who live under the influence of Jesus Christ are confronted with another call—the call of self-denying love. Jesus’ own sacrificial life puts all of our self-seeking into question. His words through our humanistic aspirations into doubt: “If anyone wants to be my disciple, let him *deny* himself...”

Prelude

Carol Krull

Announcements

*Call to Worship

-- *Ephesians 2:19-21*

We are fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

*Hymn of Praise GHF #186, *The Church's One Foundation*

*Invocation

*Responsive Affirmation of Faith

-- *The Apostles' Creed*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Call to Confession of Sin

-- *Romans 14:13*

Let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymns of Devotion: *Speak, O Lord*

Our Tithes and Offerings: General Fund

-- *Matthew 10:8*

Freely you have received, freely give.

*Doxology

*Greet One Another

Prayers of the People

Reading of God's Word

-- *Philippians 2:12-18*

Sermon: *Lights in Darkness*

Rev. Bill Massey

*Response GHF #185, *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

*Benediction and Postlude

**Those who are able, please stand*

This Week at Colfax

Sunday, February 9

- 9:30 am Morning Worship
Congregational Meeting after Service
Coffee Fellowship
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Thursday, February 13

- 7:00 pm Men's Group

Sunday, February 16

- 9:30 am Morning Worship
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship
11:00 am Sunday School
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Serving Sunday, February 16

Sanctuary Flowers: Available
Coffee Fellowship: Larry and Carolyn Stahl
Greeters: Nathan & Amy Stahl, Jesse & Lori Willis
Elevator Attendant: Mike Dieken
Nursery Attendant: Nedra Vaughan & Joyln Stahl
SS Nursery Attendant: Karen Boomgarden
Camera: Steve Jones
PowerPoint: Macy Boomgarden

COLFAX CENTER PRAISES AND PRAYER CONCERNS

As you go to the Lord in prayer, please read the following scripture:

Romans 12:12 *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.”*

Our nation and its leaders.

The ministries of our church:

- Pastor Bill, Valerie and their family
- Elders & Deacons as they lead the church

Current Elders: Donn Anderson, Leon Johnson, David Pruin,
Dean Salo, Curt Tjepkes

Current Deacons: Mike Dieken, Ken Harken, Chad Pruisner,
Paul Smit, Chuck Thoren, Red Werkman

- Our Children's ministries
- The hearts of our congregation

All of Our Missionaries, especially those in sensitive countries.

Those battling cancer: Karen Arends; Bill Aswegan; Glenn Beckwith,
Cindy Klaassen, Megan Hook; Kenny Luhring, Kay Schultz, Brad Wos

Medical prayer requests:

- **Bill Aswegan and Rod Schwab** for encouragement, wisdom and direction.
- **Bob Getting** for comfort and healing from his fall
- **Kim Venenga** for a donor to be found for Kidney transplant
- **Richard Lamfers** for comfort and healing from surgery

Pray also for those on active duty in our armed forces; anxious, or discouraged; facing difficult situations in their families; struggling with sin in their lives or do not know Christ.

Those who are shut-in or in nursing homes:

Pauline Arends; Mary Bakker; Phyllis DeNeui; Eldon & Elna Dieken;
Deloris Eilers, Grace Ennenga; Norma Hook; Anna Mae Klaassen; Verone Nederhoff; Darris Smit; Dixie Spain

Please pray for the young people who are attending the Communicants' Class.

The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held *Today*, at 10:40 am (immediately after morning worship). The agenda is to receive reports, approve budgets and elect officers. Al Harberts has been nominated to serve as elder. Jesse Willis and Doug Wiers have been nominated to serve as deacons. **We will have coffee fellowship** following the meeting but there will be **no Sunday School**.

